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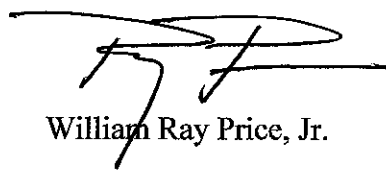
Dear Municipal Division Judges:

I am pleased to present the newly revised bench book for municipal division judges. The bench book is published under the direction of the Supreme Court Subcommittee on Training and Certification of Municipal Judges with the assistance of the Office of State Courts Administrator and numerous contributing authors and reviewers. On behalf of the judiciary, I thank these judges, attorneys, and staff members for their contributions.

The only contact most Missourians have with the court system is the municipal division. Public opinion of all courts is often based on this experience. It is thus critical that the municipal division operates in a fair, consistent and efficient manner. This publication helps achieve this goal.

I hope this bench book will make the difficult job of serving as a municipal judge a bit easier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "WRP", is written over a horizontal line.

William Ray Price, Jr.